



HOPE AT HOME: CENTRAL AMERICA

Progress Report

October 2025–March 2026

SUMMARY

Thank you for supporting children and families in Honduras and Guatemala as they pursue hopeful futures in the communities they call home. Together with churches, community leaders, and local governments, we've served nearly 4 million people since October 2022 as they build safer neighborhoods, stronger livelihoods, and greater well-being for children and families. This report highlights achievements from the first half of fiscal year 2026.

Mobilizing to support children

Our goal is for all children to grow up in safe, nurturing environments and experience the fullness of life God desires for them. In the first half of FY26, we partnered with churches to strengthen ministries and biblically based programs for 21,719 children and more than 17,000 parents and caregivers. We also expanded access to clean water, sanitation, and

hygiene services for 88,367 people, supporting children's health.

Strengthening families and livelihoods

Families are building greater stability through savings groups, and farmers are joining producer groups to access new market opportunities. So far in FY26, THRIVE* programs have launched 120 producer groups and 209 savings groups, reaching more than 4,700 people and increasing their ability to provide for their households.

Building a more hopeful future

Young people are preparing for the future through education, workforce training, and leadership opportunities. In the first half of FY26, RISE (Reaching Independence through Support and Education) programs helped 3,981 teens and young adults identify their goals, gain practical skills, and pursue pathways that align with their interests.

*Transforming Household Resilience in Vulnerable Environments



Hope at Home is helping young people like Mario, 18, build a future in their own communities. Through RISE, he was equipped with the educational and tuition support he needed to stay in school, graduating with a diploma in tourism and training in hotel management. Today, he serves as an agent of change for RISE, mentoring other young people as they discover their own potential. "I am no longer just someone who receives training," he said. "Now I am the one providing it."

PEOPLE REACHED (OCTOBER 2022–MARCH 2026)

3,849,953 PEOPLE* were empowered with access to essential services in Honduras and Guatemala.



604,108

people gained access to **clean water** for drinking, better household sanitation, and improved personal hygiene.



266,884

producer group members sold value chain products and farmers used improved tools through **economic empowerment activities**.



22,856

caregivers, youth, and children learned ways to identify violence and protect themselves and others through **child protection** projects.



40,594

young people were equipped with tools and training to enter the workforce through **RISE** (Reaching Independence through Support and Empowerment).



3,047,588

pastors, Christian leaders, teachers, parents, children, and youth benefited from training and resources to learn Bible-based life skills and explore or deepen their faith through **Christian discipleship** efforts.

*Some participants have accessed multiple services. For instance, a church leader may have participated in a children's ministry training and gained access to clean water.

WATER

SUMMARY

World Vision is expanding access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) in homes, schools, and health clinics across Honduras and Guatemala.

Honduras

As of March 2026, we've reached 415,111 people with clean water—64% of our goal of 650,000. We've now completed water systems in 16 of the 49 municipalities where World Vision works. In the first half of FY26, we:

- Constructed 2,098 taps and rehabilitated 7,943 water points, benefiting 82,416 people who now have access to clean water. Eleven healthcare facilities and 79 schools now have taps flowing with clean water on premise.
- Equipped 753 pastors and church leaders to promote good hygiene practices in their communities,

including how to safely handle and store water to keep it clean.

Guatemala

Guatemala launched a new phase of their WASH program in FY26, reaching more people with access to clean water, hygiene, and sanitation in new areas. In the first half of FY26, we:

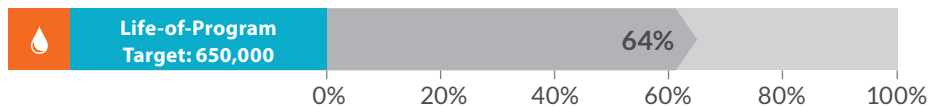
- Constructed new water networks and rehabilitated existing infrastructure across 11 communities, equipping 5,951 people with clean water access.
- Reached 46 teachers and 1,164 students in seven schools through Sesame's WASH UP! and Girl Talk programs. The curriculum fosters positive changes in knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors related to hygiene, self-care, and menstrual health. Both programs have been integrated into Guatemala's national core curriculum.



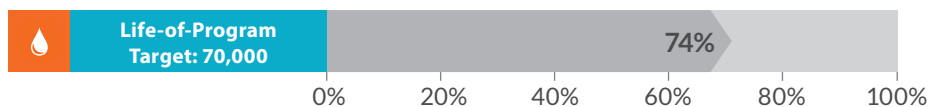
Clean water is now available to students at La Laguna school in Guatemala, thanks to a reverse osmosis filtration system. When children have access to clean water at school, hygiene and sanitation also improve, resulting in a safer, healthier learning environment.

HONDURAS PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (LIFE OF PROGRAM: FY22–FY28)

415,111 people now have access to clean water

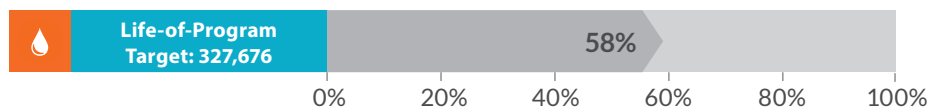


51,585 people now have access to household sanitation



GUATEMALA PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (LIFE OF PROGRAM: FY21–FY30)

188,997 people now have access to clean water



77,941 people now have access to household sanitation



ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

SUMMARY

Families are more likely to flourish when they have reliable ways to earn an income and plan for the future. In Honduras and Guatemala, THRIVE programs equip rural producers to identify high-value crops, connect to new markets, and work together to grow their businesses. We also help individuals learn the value of saving and lending to each other to build financial security, while Biblical Empowered Worldview (BEWV) invites people to discover their identity in Christ and open their hearts to new possibilities for their lives.

In both countries, temporary challenges have slowed progress against targets, including low participation due to the coffee harvest season in Honduras and the transition to a new savings group model. We anticipate a strong recovery in the second half of the fiscal year. Following are updates from the first half of FY26:

Honduras

- Expanded into three new area programs and reached 15,669 participants in the first half of FY26. A total of 109,491 households are now registered, representing 207,354 people (56% of the life-of-program goal).
- Formed partnerships with Cultivos del Norte—a key supplier for Tabasco Company—to grow and sell chili peppers, a high-value crop in Honduras, and EFI Solutions, an exporter of aromatherapy ingredients. These partnerships will help 40 producer groups with 642 farmers grow their income.

Guatemala

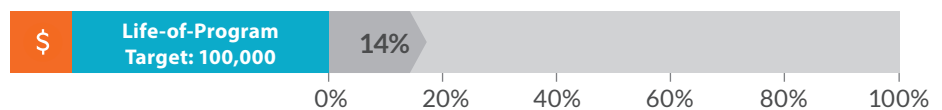
- Connected 80 producer groups in Zacapa, Sololá, and Huehuetenango with buyers, including Disagro, an international agricultural supplier.



For years, Maria, a single mother in Guatemala, struggled to provide for her family. After joining a savings group in 2021, her world began to brighten. World Vision offered access to resources like BEWV that slowly transformed her vision of the future. Through hard work, business training, and seed money, she was able to open a shop near her home. Today, she owns and operates several businesses, including a bakery.

HONDURAS PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (LIFE OF PROGRAM: FY24–FY30)

14,250 people are participating in savings groups

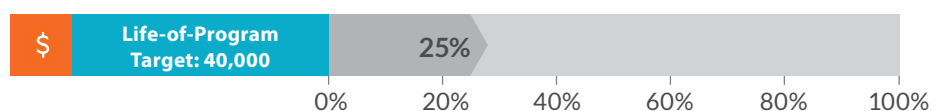


3,556 people have participated in market knowledge and access training



GUATEMALA PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (LIFE OF PROGRAM: FY24–FY30)

10,085 people are participating in savings groups



1,996 people have participated in market knowledge and access training



CHILD PROTECTION

SUMMARY

Currently, our child protection programs are focused in Honduras, where we're empowering youth and partnering with parents, churches, and local government to shape safer communities where children can thrive. During the first half of FY26, we:

- Created opportunities for 1,391 children and youth to become leaders and peacemakers through 81 Peace Clubs. These clubs help young people build friendships, strengthen leadership skills, and learn how to resolve conflicts peacefully through dialogue and activities like art and sports.
- Expanded children's participation in municipal protection systems. Through nine municipal councils, 172 children and youth gained a seat at decision-making tables that are traditionally reserved for adults. Their participation is helping ensure that local plans and policies reflect children's priorities and experiences.
- Developed violence-prevention action plans for 50 communities, which child protection committees designed to address local risks and strengthen support for vulnerable children.
- Designed 10 project proposals, with community and faith leaders to address needs identified by children and families. Proposed activities include improving school facilities, increasing access to clean water in community gathering spaces, and partnering with churches to provide music and cultural programs that strengthen children's confidence and social-emotional development.
- Identified and referred 64 cases of child rights violations or abuse to appropriate authorities. These referrals reflect growing coordination among schools, municipal offices, health services, justice institutions, and community leaders working together to safeguard children.

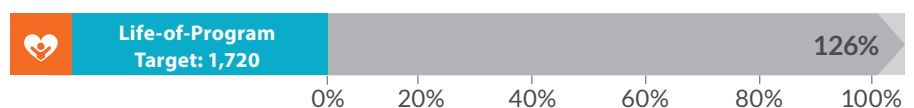


Our child protection program offers kids in urban areas safe spaces where they feel supported and encouraged to help shape more peaceful communities. Activities like art and sports help children build confidence, make new friends, and find a sense of belonging.

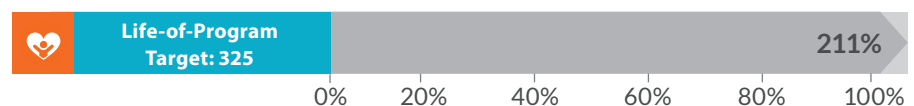


PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (LIFE OF PROGRAM: FY23–FY27)

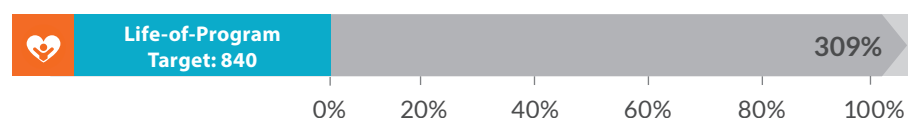
2,175 parents and caregivers participated in positive parenting workshops



688 children and youth participated in groups that promote and defend their rights



2,595 children took significant actions to advance the end of violence against children



SUMMARY

So far this year, RISE (Reaching Independence through Support and Education) has reached 3,981 young people across Honduras and Guatemala. One young man in Guatemala, now part of RISE, described poverty as a cage: Each time he found a way out, something else closed in. For many youth, that cage is built one barrier at a time. Survival comes before dreams. Work is informal and unstable. Migration can look like the only way out.

RISE meets young people inside those realities—not by pretending the obstacles aren’t there, but by working to overcome them, one at a time. Young people identify their goals, build skills, and pursue the path that fits them best, whether that’s continuing their education, finding a job, or starting a business.

Highlights from the first half of FY26

Our Youth Ready program reached 1,937 participants ages 15 to 29 who chose one of three pathways: employment, entrepreneurship, or education. World Vision is helping them take practical steps toward their goals—preparing for interviews, strengthening a business idea, or continuing school.

Through Teen Ready, we worked with 2,044 adolescents ages 12 to 17 and helped them build the confidence and life skills to stay in school, steer clear of violence, and make their own decisions about the future. That participation is translating into results: Public schools are embracing Teen Ready; in Honduras, participation has already reached more than twice its target. And nearly 3 in 4 Youth Ready graduates found work, started businesses, began internships, or returned to school.

Upcoming plans

In the second half of FY26, RISE will focus on school-based Teen Ready, job connections, and entrepreneurship support. It will also grow youth networks that help graduates stay connected and lead. Country plans include:

- **Honduras:** Work with education officials to bring Teen Ready into more public schools and expand employer and micro-franchise support.
- **Guatemala:** Train mentor teachers, expand technical courses, and connect youth to employers and universities so more can move from the classroom into jobs and entrepreneurship.



After Moisés (above, left) lost his mother, the 18-year-old from Guatemala City felt uncertain about his future. He wanted his first job but didn’t know where to turn. RISE gave him a place to begin.

Youth Ready helped Moisés identify his strengths, write his résumé, and prepare for interviews. When RISE shared a job opening at a local cooperative, he applied, started as an intern, and earned a full-time position.

In the photo above, his grandfather straightens his collar before work. “I went from being a young man full of fear and insecurity,” Moisés said, “to someone who now believes in himself and in what he can achieve.”

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (FY26)



2,044

adolescents ages 12–17 participated in Teen Ready so far in FY26 in Guatemala and Honduras.



1,937

youth ages 15–29 participated in Youth Ready so far in FY26 in Guatemala and Honduras.

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

SUMMARY

World Vision's Christian discipleship programs in Honduras and Guatemala help nurture children's faith and support local church ministries. Following are highlights from the first half of FY26.

Honduras

We reached 16,052 children and adolescents, thanks to strong partnerships with 60 churches who run programs that are engaging and fun, showing kids that they are known and loved by God. In addition, more than 10,500 parents and caregivers participated in Celebrating Families and Raising Children with Tenderness workshops. Since these programs began, pastors and church leaders have observed encouraging changes in their communities, including reduced physical abuse, more peaceful families, and improved child well-being.

Guatemala

Together with 285 local churches and 856 pastors and other faith leaders, we equipped 6,774 parents and caregivers with tools to create nurturing family environments and helped 5,667 children grow closer to Jesus through vacation Bible schools. We also launched a new church partnership with a major denomination in the eastern region of the country.

Measuring impact

Research partner Baylor University recently conducted a study in Guatemala and Honduras taking a closer look at how partnership with World Vision can strengthen local churches in their overall mission. Early results show that church engagement with their surrounding communities has increased, and our programs are drawing more young people from non-churchgoing families.



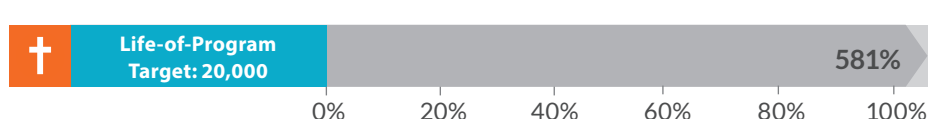
Pastor Danilo Hernández (center) gathers with youth at his church in El Triunfo, Honduras. Through World Vision, he and other local pastors were equipped with tools and training for working with young people. "When we invest in young people's spiritual development, they discover their value, strengthen their faith, and become leaders who can transform their communities," said Danilo.

HONDURAS PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (LIFE OF PROGRAM: FY22–FY26)

268,270 children and youth are hearing about their purpose and identity in Christ

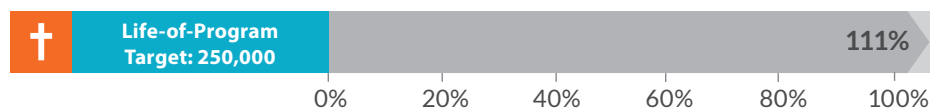


116,147 parents and caregivers learned ways to create caring, supportive home environments

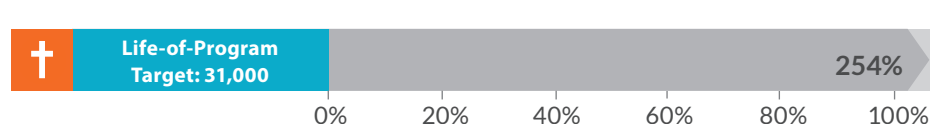


GUATEMALA PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (LIFE OF PROGRAM: FY22–FY26)

277,394 children and youth are hearing about their purpose and identity in Christ



78,854 parents and caregivers learned ways to create caring, supportive home environments



TOGETHER WE ARE MUCH STRONGER

Evelyn (pictured below, in blue) lives with her husband and three daughters in Huehuetenango, Guatemala. For years, she was afraid to speak in public. Through BEWV she gained confidence, deepened her faith, and began encouraging other women in her community. “Little by little, I overcame my fear, learned a lot about God, and realized that if I was different, I could inspire other women in my community,” she shared.

Evelyn helped form Mujeres Unidas, a savings group that began with 18 women. As neighbors saw the group meeting, saving, and supporting one another, more women joined. Today, 104 women participate across three groups, representing nearly every family in the village. Together, they saved and earned more than \$15,600 during their second savings cycle.

The women also joined a farmer field school to learn potato production. Despite frequent frosts, months without rain, and some initial skepticism, they eventually harvested more than 6,600 pounds of potatoes. Now, 71 families plan to apply what they learned on their own land. “Together, we realized that we are much stronger,” Evelyn said.



Evelyn helped form the Mujeres Unidas savings group (pictured), which now has 104 members. “Applying what we learned at BEWV, we manage our social fund, which we use to help group members when they are experiencing difficulties. When someone is sick, we also collect food and visit them. This has brought us even closer together, knowing that we are not alone in facing difficulties, which is what God wants for us,” she said.



THANK YOU

Thank you for walking alongside families and communities in Guatemala and Honduras as they pursue the abundant life that God desires for everyone. Though they sometimes face challenges, they continue to dream of and work for a better future. Your support is equipping families with the tools and resources they need to build safer, hope-filled lives at home.



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